

Groton. Sept 18. 1839.

Dear Aunt Mary,

You cannot tell how much I have regretted writing to you so foolishly that you need not write to me, for though I have heard indirectly of your well being yet I have been very desirous to hear some Weymouth news direct. But at the time I wrote I dreamed not that I should be in Boston the early part of the next week. Dr Farnsworth was suffering with a lame shoulder which I supposed would prevent his going, his journey as he could not well drive two horses, but when I talked about going I discovered that he was expecting to go this present week and besides wanting to go, I thought after having it under my hand that if he had it would be taken very ill of me not to wait a few days for his arm to get well enough. It was finally arranged yesterday morning that we should start to day and so last night I was up till 11. packing & fixing, expecting to be off by sunrise but to & behold this morning I woke in a pouring rain and our going to day is therefore up. But if it is pleasant we shall go to morrow. The whole posse go - Dr. Mary, & the two boys. Altogether I think they may suffice to make me, particularly as Mary has grown & hands since you saw her & appears as to manner full as old as I do. I believe our destination is to be Portland, going the inland route, by the way of Dover, but it is not decided. I suppose if I had laboured earnestly to that effect I might have turned our course to Hartford instead of Portland for the sake of seeing and hearing some thing of the African prisoners, but I thought it for the whole, best not. Being in Hartford, in a city, staying at a hotel, crowded probably with people, & many of them abolitionists whom I should know, would involve a great deal more dressing & fixing & fatigue, & in the endeavor to see & hear some thing

conclude tells me Weymouth has failed - how does the heart is - I think  
in original was as we are sending for them as for the sharp for us.

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of the trial I might meet with perplexities, & wish I had  
let it alone. Moreover as it was Dr. F's original intention to  
go over in Maine, I felt unwilling to interfere with it.  
And on the whole to slide quietly along, with nothing  
to see to but my habit & straw basket, looking out of change  
places, will I think be pleasant. To go over a  
route I have traversed once, and then to be forming my  
best life & to be to sit down at meat with the Hartford gentry.  
I shall not return to Groton. The Dr. may come through Boston,  
as he would like to be present at the meeting of the agents,  
but if he does not, I shall quit him at Salem or Haverhill  
or some where there & come to Boston in the cars. I shall try  
to get there by a week from today certainly, & perhaps before.  
I have had a very good time since I have been here.  
The first week was troubled by my tooth ache, but after  
dressing myself with kerosene, I found that it was getting  
so bad as to wake me out of a sound sleep & keep me  
in perfect torment, I made up my mind & had it out. It  
was a small tooth & the Dr. took it out in an instant. You  
may wonder that I am contented, but you would not, if  
you were on the spot. I have had a good many calls, have  
ride a good deal both in the carriage & horseback. When  
the Dr. was at the White Mountain he bought him a  
new pair of horses, one of whom was very unmanageable  
& he has been trying to accustom him to going with the other  
"Judge" & "Commodore" are their names, & Commodore is to me  
like the evil one than any other, but as I am pretty  
easy you know I don't feel alarmed; well, in order to get  
this heart used to going, the whole family ride a great  
deal, being out the whole forenoon or afternoon as the case  
may be. I enter into these particulars that you may know  
the hows of my going, as if I merely said I was out  
riding half the time, you might think it tete a tete, &  
that the Groton people would talk. I have had some  
beautiful horseback rides, but my horse was so gentle

I good that our lovely might have rode him. I have  
finished my slippers & some other work. Added to this that  
I have the Liberator, Emancipator, Herald of Freedom, Friend  
of Man, Courier, Post, & say nothing of the Bay State  
Democrat & the Lowell & Concord papers, & you will see that  
it takes a good deal of time to read these. I have suffered  
a little occasionally for a fresh new book, as Ferdinand &  
Isabella is very dull, but I have got along. Caroline &  
Deborah have been abundant in the way of writing. They  
could not have done better. I have also been very faithful  
to Deborah and she writes me that you do beautifully  
in that line. She seems to be in grand spirits & looking  
forward to her return very bright. I have attended the  
wed. afternoon sewing meeting ever since I have  
been here. There are about 7 or 8 who meet - no more, but  
I think they will do pretty well. They have made two  
bed quilts - one silk & linen aprons, some bags, 2 dozen of  
sabbits, a dozen of emery strawberries, 4 pair of slippers, &  
4 dolls, a few needle books; in short, I think they will have  
quite a pretty table \$50 or 60 worth. - I think Garrison has cut  
up Goodell tolerably well. As for Rogers, I declare I love  
him. His letters to Southwold are I think complete. The  
Friend of Man is very stupid. I forget to say that the ladies  
of the Abolition Soc. here are at work for the Dec. fair, but  
I do not think they will accomplish much. It is entirely  
mere spite with most of them. Mary Farrow has learned from  
Mary Jane Parker the name with which the Boston people  
distinguish me. "The Great Western". It is it, is it? - I  
have experienced no inconvenience from the absence of  
a housekeeper here. The woman who leaves here is a  
middle aged one, very accommodating & obliging & at the  
same time go ahead. Mary has very much improved  
& has been ever since I have been here, polite &  
amiable as possible. I long to see you. How I wish you  
were going this journey with me. How much more I should  
enjoy it. I hope that some time or other we shall go <sup>when</sup> ~~together~~

Do not let this go out of your house. If any of the Mount  
Airing people wish to see it, they must come to Sweet Brook  
Cottage. Give all love to all your folks. I shall try to come  
to W. as soon as the Non-Resistance meetings are over. Does  
the cool weather do Aunt P. any good or hurt. I wish I could  
hear direct from you before I go. Yrs ever A.W.W.

A. W. Weston

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Miss Mary Weston  
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Mass.)



Every think of the Norfolk meeting. I think you ought  
to have been there. Was our pastor present?

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